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HIGHWAY MEN TO MEET HERE JANUARY 10-12

State Association of Highway Engineers Accepts the Invitation of School of Engineering.

PROGRAM IS COMPLETED

Three Out-of-Town Speakers—
Earl C. Smith, B. S. and
M. E. '03 to Tell of
Tests Made.

About 200 are expected to attend the annual convention of the State Highway Engineers Association which will meet in Columbia January 10, 11 and 12. This is the first time that the convention has been held in Columbia. Formerly it alternated between St. Louis and Kansas City. At the last convention, which was held in Kansas City, the association voted about 5 to 1 to accept the invitation of the School of Engineering to hold the 1922 convention here.

The program, which is under the direction of Dean F. J. McCasland, is rapidly being completed. At present, there are only three out-of-town speakers that can be announced. Arthur H. Blanchard of the University of Michigan will speak on "Highway Transport Problems." Clifford Older, chief engineer of the Illinois Highway Commission, will deliver an address on "The Million Dollar Tests of the Illinois Highway Department."

A graduate of the school of engineering will be on the program. He is Earl C. Smith, B. S. and M. E. '03, and his talk will be on "Government Highway Tests." Mr. Smith is now with the Bureau of Public Roads in Washington, D. C.

The State Highway Engineers Association, the State Highway Department and the School of Engineering co-operate in this convention. It will be attended by highway engineers and others who are interested in road construction.

FIRE DESTROYS HOME OF G. ACKIN THIS MORNING

Thought to Have Started From a
Defective Flue—Insured for
\$1,000.

Fire destroyed the home of George Ackin, 508 Moss avenue, at 4:30 o'clock this morning.

The fire started supposedly from a defective flue and had gained considerable headway before it was discovered. The fire department was called, but was unable to secure a water supply to extinguish the flames, as the nearest water plug was more than two blocks away. The house was of frame construction and contained three rooms. It was insured for \$1,000.

METHODISTS HEAR REPORTS

Members Hold First Church Conference in Years.

The Broadway Methodist Church last night held the first church conference of its members in several years. According to the church custom, monthly conferences are to be called of all members, but this work has been taken over almost entirely by the board of stewards and by the pastor.

J. M. Baker was elected secretary of the conference. Reports of the work of the church were given by Dr. F. E. Stephens, chairman of the board of stewards; Emanuel Drumm, chairman of finances; E. H. Newcomb, student secretary; a representative of the Epworth League, and by Mrs. F. F. Stephens for the missionary work of the church.

NEW YEAR TO BRING PLAYS

Columbians May See Productions Successful in Large Cities.

The activity calendar, starting the first of the year, will contain many events of interest to the people of Columbia. The annual Farmers' Week will be held here from January 15 to January 19. "Blood and Sand" will be produced by the Harlequin Players, January 21 and the "Greenwich Village Folies" will be shown at one of the local theaters on January 25. Walker Whitesides will appear January 29, followed by the "Book of Tobie" to be given February 7.

Columbians will be able to see these productions, all of which have been successful in the larger cities. Walker Whitesides needs no mention as to the quality and type of work with which he is connected.

COULDN'T WAIT FOR SANTA

Gordon Touchband 13 Kills Himself After Mother's Rebuke.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—Gordon Touchband, 13, couldn't wait for Santa Claus to come. Today he is dead.

Gordon shot himself through the head after his mother rebuked him for opening Christmas presents.

Last night Gordon's father brought him a number of mysterious packages. Gordon, his sister, Doris, 11, and brother, R. all demanded "just one look."

Touchband ordered them to leave the house and take a walk. Gordon and Doris sneaked into the closet where they were discovered by Mrs. Touchband. She rebuked Gordon.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity—Snow tonight and Friday; colder late tonight, much colder Friday. Temperature to 18 or lower. Winds brisk to strong shifting to northerly.

For Missouri: Snow or rain south and snow north portion tonight and Friday; colder Friday, and west and north portions tonight. Strong shifting winds.

Shippers' Forecast: Within a radius of 200 miles of Columbia the lowest temperature during the next 36 hours will be 16 west, 10 north, 24 east and 24 south.

The low pressure system that was over the Southern Rocky Mountain plateau yesterday has advanced to the lower plains states, having its center near Oklahoma-Northwest Texas border. It is attended by general cloudiness and milder temperatures. Light rain mixed with snow has set in, reaching across Missouri to Illinois. The center will cross the Mississippi tonight and colder weather will follow Friday, overspreading the lower Missouri Valley.

Highways: The main roads are rough in spots but otherwise fair to good. The outlook is for snow.

Data for Columbia: Highest temperature yesterday, 28; lowest last night 25; precipitation, 0.00. One year ago, highest, 54; lowest, 34; precipitation, 0.00.

ZERO WEATHER ON WAY HERE

United States Weather Bureau Issues Warning of Cold Wave.

"A cold wave will overspread Missouri by Friday morning. The temperature will probably reach zero or lower." This special warning was sent out by the United States Weather Bureau here this afternoon.

The first touch of this cold wave was felt in Columbia today when a slow mist began to fall and freeze on the streets early this morning. The mist, freezing as it fell, made a skating rink for automobiles. Cars were stalled everywhere. Some of the drivers tried to advance on smooth rubber, while wiser ones got out and put on tire chains. Garages and hardware stores were doing a thriving business in chains.

One might stand on a corner for a few minutes and view surprising events. A big truck coming up Broadway stopped suddenly, turned completely around and headed back down hill.

A big sedan driven by two girls skidded around on South Ninth street. After many screams and much using of brakes it hit the curb and came to a stop. With the help of three pedestrians it was started, only to repeat the performance. The girls then decided to leave their chains put on.

A truck turning the corner of Seventh and Cherry skidded and the driver pulled on his brake and let it slide backward down the hill.

There were several accidents, but as all drivers were going slowly little damage was done.

Columbia pedestrians who ventured to use the sidewalks were compelled many times to cautiously hold their breath and muffle their arms about in an effort to maintain their equilibrium, but, in many cases, failed. Such was the slippery condition of the streets when a drizzling rain started falling early this morning and froze almost as soon as it reached the ground.

Today's weather recalls that of a few days before Christmas last year when a terrific sleet storm struck this vicinity, coating everything with ice and interrupting telephone and telegraph service. At that time several Columbia residents such accidents have been reported.

CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING AMONG FARMERS' NEEDS

Will Settle Agricultural Conditions Soonest, Says President Harding.

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—"Co-operative marketing among the farmers promises more help for the relief and the permanent settlement of agricultural conditions than any other single move," President Harding declared today in a message read before the National Farmers' Council of Co-operative Marketing Associations in session here.

Will of Mrs. Anna B. West Probated
The will of Mrs. Anna Bell West was filed in the Probate Court today. Mrs. West died near Centralia several years ago and her property was left to her husband. After his death, which occurred recently, her estate was to be divided equally among her children, T. B. West, Samuel O. West, William W. West and Presley L. West.

McCasland to Talk by Radio

Dean E. J. McCasland will go to Kansas City tomorrow to deliver an address over the Kansas City Star's radio. He will talk about engineering and especially the School of Engineering at the University.

Lloyd George in Auto Accident

By United Press.
LONDON, Dec. 14.—Former Premier Lloyd George's auto was in a collision today at the entrance to the House of Commons. Lloyd George escaped without injury. His car was damaged.

SCHOOLS PLAN CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

Most of the Entertainments Consist of Recitations, Songs and Presentation of Gifts.

PARENTS ARE INVITED

Practically All Columbia Pupils to Participate in the Holiday Activities Next Week.

Columbia High school will celebrate Christmas a week from tomorrow, with a Christmas party and an entertainment in the high school auditorium. The party is to be given by the members of the faculty and the entertainment will be provided by the students.

The high-school orchestra will play a number of selections and the glee club will sing Christmas carols. Members of the esthetic dancing class will give a pantomime, "The Spirit of Christmas." Miss Beulah Boutwell will give a reading.

Following this program Miss Saidee Stearns, principal, has planned for a Christmas box. Members of the faculty have filled the box with Christmas gifts and these will be presented to the students.

The Sophomore class is giving a Christmas party in the gymnasium of the school next week.

The Grant School will hold Christmas exercises December 22. Every child in the school will have some part in the programs. The program of each class is being planned by its teacher and will be given in the classroom. Then the children will all gather in one large room of the school for a program about the Christmas trees. Each class is to have a tree.

The Jefferson School pupils will hold Christmas exercises in each of the various classes on December 22. The teachers are training the pupils who will take part in the program. There will be two selections from each of the eight rooms. The parents of the pupils are invited to attend the entertainments.

Pupils of the Lee School will give their annual Christmas program the afternoon of December 22. All the grades will have their programs at the same time in their respective rooms but will later join together in singing Christmas songs and carols.

The sixth and seventh grades will have Christmas stories and recitations, the third, fourth and fifth grades will have a Christmas play and tree and the first, second and third grades will have games and songs. Each group will have either a tree or a chimney with a little gift and a bag of candy for each child.

The Benton School will also have a Christmas program at the school building December 22. The children have been preparing for the program the last few days. Each of the seven grades will take part in the entertainment.

Exercises at the Fred Douglass School will begin Thursday afternoon, December 21. The high school will then entertain all mothers. The girls taking domestic art and domestic science will exhibit their work of the last term, displaying different types of meals, model dresses and staging a cake-baking contest. Judges from various social clubs will pass upon the exhibits and contest. The manual training department will also exhibit work.

Friday morning a Christmas program will be given at the regular assembly of the Douglass High School.

The seven grades of the school will be divided into two sections, the first section consisting of the first, second, third and fourth grades. Because of limited room in the auditorium, each grade will give a program while the rest of the section will be audience. The first section will give programs Thursday morning, and the second section Thursday afternoon. The program for the grades is as follows: Grade 1a, "Christmas in Mother Goose Land"; grade 1b, "Christmas Cheer"; grade 2, "Waiting for Santa Claus"; grade 3, "Mr. St. Nick"; grade 4, "Evergreen"; grade 5, "Christmas Spirit"; grade 6, "Santa Claus in the Southland"; and grade 7, "Serenade to Santa Claus."

CHURCHES PLAN FOR CHRISTMAS

Nearly All Denominations Will Have Special Holiday Services.

Nearly all of the other Columbia churches will have some kind of special exercises for Christmas, although a few of them have not completed their programs as yet.

The Baptist Church will present an elaborate cantata, "The Spirit of Christmas," and a pageant at 7 o'clock next Sunday evening in the Stephens College Auditorium. It will be put on by the young people and will have about seventy-five persons in the cast. It will be lively and full of humor as is indicated by the title of one of the songs, "The World Is My Oyster." The characters include bootblacks and newsmen and a

"THE DIPHTHERIA" IS LATEST JOURNALISTIC VENTURE IN COLUMBIA

The latest addition to Columbia's journalism is "The Diptherian" of which Miss Josephine Smith, now quarantined in Parker Memorial Hospital with diphtheria, is editor-in-chief, reporter and printer. The public in whose interest her paper is published consists of those who are now quarantined with diphtheria in the hospital. Ralph Yehle, Edna Kobs, Isaac Murray, Arnold Kerr, Robert "Bolt" Scannell, Jewell Palmer, Michael Quigley and Hamilton Holman. These constitute what is known as "The Diphtheria Club." In the society column of the paper, there is even a sport page which gives all the thrills of the latest football game between the "Toxins" and the "Anti-toxins" teams, although the last edition failed to state whether "Bolt" Scannell is with the Toxins or the Anti-toxins.

man dressed up to represent the world. The play is directed by Miss Inabel Kinlock.

The program which forms the remainder of the program will be put on by the adult department of the Sunday school and is being directed by Prof. B. F. Hoffmann. There will be thirty-five characters in this program, the title of which is "The Birth of Christ."

The regular Christmas tree for the little folks with exercises by the primary department will be presented at the Sunday school hour the day before Christmas. The usual treats and boxes of candy will be given and there will be a special song service.

The Calvary Episcopal Church will have two special Christmas services, the Sunday school festival and the regular Christmas preaching service.

The former will be featured by a Christmas tree and boxes of candy for the little folks, and by special music, according to E. A. Logan, superintendent of the Sunday school. It will be held in the parish house instead of the church.

The preaching service will be at 10 o'clock Christmas morning, and the Rev. James H. George has prepared a special Christmas sermon.

An old custom of the Episcopal Church was to have been revived this year, in the form of the midnight service on Christmas Eve. However, according to Mr. George, it will probably have to be deferred to next year.

Most of the churches are eliminating or shortening the Sunday evening services on Christmas eve because persons are always anxious to get home at that time. The Christian Church will have no service at all on Christmas eve for no service, according to the Rev. Walter M. Handhaber.

The Methodist Church choir, directed by Prof. H. H. Lundenback, will present a thirty-five minute cantata next Sunday morning. There are thirty voices in this choir.

The following Friday or Saturday, a pageant, "The Nativity of Christ," will be presented under the direction of E. H. Newcomb. The arrangements for this have not been completed however.

RELIGIOUS BOOK CRITICIZED

Doctrines May Cost Dr. A. W. Slater Position at William Jewell.

Because of doctrinal controversies, the board of directors of William Jewell College at Liberty, Mo., met today to consider the dismissal of Dr. A. Wakefield Slater, head of the department of Biblical literature and religious education. Doctor Slater's resignation was requested by the executive committee of the board, but he refused to sign.

Doctor Slater presented a book recently, "What Did Jesus Teach?" which contains statements for which he has been severely criticized. He characterized the story of the creation as a "Hebrew folk tale." Doctor Slater says that one charge against him is that he does not believe literally in the angels, demons and miracles of the Bible.

COUNT SCOOP QUEEN VOTES

Other Candidates to Be Maid of Honor and Attendants.

Votes for "Scoop Queen," the office of honor in the Scoop, annual dance to be given by students in the School of Journalism tomorrow night, were counted late this afternoon. The four candidates voted on were: Eugenia Dodd, Ferol Stark, Gladys McKinley and Catherine Ware.

The girl receiving the second highest number of votes is to be maid of honor; the other two attendants of the queen.

To Spare Men's Blushes

By United Press.
BOSTON, Dec. 14.—Something that husbands have dreamed about came true here today when a fashionable woman's shop opened a department in charge of a man where men may buy "things" for women without blushing.

Columbia Train Service Is Normal

Train service in and out of Columbia is about normal. Both stations report that there have been no accidents or late trains due to today's weather.

Art Students' Work Exhibited

There will be a public exhibition of University students' art work on the fourth floor of Jesse Hall, from 3:30 to 4:30 o'clock, Friday afternoon.

NUTRITION MAY BE STUDIED IN NEW BUREAU

Dr. Stanley Tells Extension Workers of Proposed Department at Washington.

DEFENDS FILLED MILK

Says It Cannot Be Substituted for Whole Milk But Has Food Value When Used Properly.

Ray E. Miller of Cass County was elected president of the Missouri County Agents' Association at the luncheon given at the Broadmore Inn today. G. R. Skinner of St. Louis County was elected vice-president and James W. Burch of Calloway County secretary-treasurer.

The retiring president of the association, Guy Q. McDaniel, was chosen to represent the Missouri organization at the national convention of county agents to be held in Chicago.

Speaking before home economics agents at the Extension Conference this morning, Dr. Louise Stanley of the home economics department of the University spoke of national legislation concerning the establishment of a new bureau at Washington for the study of nutrition. The American Home Economics Association is especially interested in this bureau. She also mentioned the law which is to be introduced in Congress to prohibit the sale of filled milk.

"This milk," said Doctor Stanley, "cannot substitute for whole milk for children, but it contains valuable food, and from the standpoint of home economics, I think an educational campaign in its proper use would be better than the prohibition of its sale. It should be sold cheaper than milk, of course."

Miss Essie M. Heyle of the extension department of home economics led a group discussion on the "Food Selection Project," with particular attention to the preparation of hot lunches for the children of rural schools.

A round-table conference on "Local Leadership for Women's Projects" was led by Miss Sellers, home economics agent in St. Louis County.

Miss Fra Clark, home management specialist, talked to the home economics demonstrators and specialists and Farm Bureau representatives on the better ways of harmonizing farm home furnishings.

She discussed the best way to treat floors and how to choose linoleum, the best kind of wall covering, paint or wall paper, the correct finishing for the woodwork, and the window coverings that are in better taste from the standpoint of general economy and harmony.

Mrs. Elsie Duncan, a graduate student in home economics, introduced time studies for women's housework. These time studies were sheets of paper blocked off so that the housewife could put down each one of her duties and the amount of time spent on each duty. The purpose of these time tables is to get farmers' wives interested in systematizing their work and to take more real interest in it.

TWO ELECTIONS ARE HELD

University, Cities and Bible College School Classes Elect Heads.

Officers for the University Women's and University Men's Sunday school classes of the Broadway Methodist Church were elected Sunday to serve for the winter term of school. Miss Virginia Bauer was elected president of the University Women's class. The other officers are: Vice-president, Miss Margaret DeVries; secretary, Miss Nettie Funk; and treasurer, Miss Nettie Doolittle.

The newly elected officers of the University Men's class are: President, Waverly Hays; vice-president, J. Reavis Rea; secretary, Charles Rintell; and treasurer, J. Harold Brooks.

After the election of officers, pictures of the University Men's class were taken. There were about 150 present for the picture. The picture will be put in the Christmas Herald, and sent to practically every Methodist home in the state.

TO HELP VOCATIONAL MEN

Field Instructor to Aid Those in Project Training.

W. W. Leavelle, of the district office of the Veterans' Bureau at St. Louis, was in Columbia yesterday to see about the appointment of a field instructor for men on project training.

The field instructor is to work under the direct supervision of the agricultural extension service of the University. He will make monthly visits to all men in Missouri on project training, to aid them in carrying out their project plans and to help them solve their farm problems.

At present there are only twenty-two men in training. As soon as this number is increased to forty, another field instructor will be appointed.

Sixth Graders to Entertain Mothers

The Mothers' Club will hold a meeting at Jefferson School at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. The pupils in the sixth grade will give a program.

FARMING SLUMP PERMANENT

Unfavorable Market, Says Waters. Is Not Cause of Depression.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Farming conditions in the South and Middle West, such as have occasioned the petition of the Kansas Utilities Commission for a further reduction in grain and hay rates in western territory, "are not the result of a temporary, unfavorable market condition," and rate cuts must be made to relieve the situation, Henry J. Waters, former president of the Kansas State Agricultural College, testified Tuesday before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Following Waters, Curtis A. Mosher, assistant fiscal agent of the Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank, testified to the financial difficulties of the farmer because of the period of depression.

Objection was raised by railroad counsel to Mosher's testimony because the petition had been brought by the Kansas commission, but this objection was overruled.

17 DEAD AND 21 IN HOSPITAL

Passenger Train And Switch Engine Crash—Many Die of Scalds.

By United Press.
HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 14.—Seventeen persons were scalded to death or died as a result of burns following a collision of a passenger train and a switch engine near Humble, Tex.

The dead included two unidentified white men and nine negroes. Twenty-one persons were in the hospital here and at Humble today suffering from burns. Many fatalities were expected.

In the crash a steam pipe from one of the engines was forced through a window. One compartment of the car was occupied by negroes and the other used as a smoker.

Stifling clouds of steam filled the coach. The terrified and struggling passengers were unable to escape as the doors of the coach were jammed tight.

FAST PASSENGER TRAIN WRECKED

By United Press.
THOIR, Wis., Dec. 14.—One man was killed and two others seriously injured when a fast passenger train on the Soo line crashed headlong into a double freight train here today.

John Harting met instant death. George Ellsworth, engineer, and an unidentified man suffered injuries which may prove fatal.

NEW COUNTY OFFICERS READY TO BEGIN TERMS

Nearly All Deputies Have Been Appointed and Will Assume Duties January 1.

The advent of 1923 will bring a number of new faces into the Boone County courthouse. Each newly elected official will bring with him his new office personnel. Those who have been re-elected will retain their present assistants, however.

A. W. Pasley, who will be the recorder of deeds for the next two years, has appointed Otto Hulen of Hallsville as his deputy.

J. W. Harris, who was elected circuit clerk, will probably have Miss Bertha Olmsted as his deputy. The appointment has not been made yet, however. J. R. Jordan, the present acting circuit clerk, will stay with Mr. Harris throughout January to help him with the work.

Miss Anna Beasley and Harry E. Barnett will be the deputies for T. B. Hickman, county clerk.

Miss Gertrude Wayland will be retained as deputy by H. H. Collier, who was re-elected probate judge. Miss Wayland said this afternoon.

M. G. Proctor, re-elected as collector, said that he will not make any changes in his office personnel. T. B. Long is the deputy for Mr. Proctor.

"There has been no provision made for an assistant, nor is there any need for one in the county treasurer's office," Miss Roberta Winn, who has already taken her office, said today.

W. W. Woods will not take his office as assessor until June and has not named his deputies as yet.

Ruby M. Hulen, who succeeds himself as prosecuting attorney, said that there is no provision made for an assistant in his office. He does all the work himself.

KATY MAIN LINE IS SOLD

Railroad Applies for Permission to Issue \$51,000,000 of Bonds.

CORLETT, Okla., Dec. 14.—The main line in Oklahoma of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway was sold at auction here today to J. W. Seligman & Co. and Hall Carter & Co. of New York for \$28,000,000.

Further steps in the reorganization of the railroad were taken before the Interstate Commerce Commission when the carrier made application for authority to issue more than \$51,250,000 worth of bonds and \$1,400,000 worth of common stock.

The entire proceeds from the stock sale and \$125,250,000 from the bond issue are to be used for the acquisition of certain additional roads, the application sets forth, while the remaining \$18,750,000 will be applied to refunding operations.

COLLEGE STUDENT IS IN NEED OF TRAINING ON CURRENT EVENTS

By United Press.
SYRACUSE, Dec. 14.—College students care so little about current events that they think that Mussolini is an alcohol rub, according to Prof. Finley G. Crawford, who recently tried out a questionnaire in his class at Syracuse University.

Taking the names of prominent men and people from the headlines of daily newspapers, he found among students a low average in the knowledge of "Who's who." Some of the answers were: Pinchot is a French intoxicant in the United States; moratorium is a death notice in Germany; Gandhi is the Italian ambassador at Washington; Feudalism is a revolutionary party in Bavaria.

PROFESSOR MAJOR GIVES TALK ON DECORATIONS

Housekeepers' Club Is Instructed in Indoor and Outdoor Color Schemes.

A talk on indoor and outdoor decoration was given by Prof. Horace Major at the meeting of the Housekeepers' Club, which was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. F. Marsh, 1306 Wilson avenue.

For indoor decoration of the home and public place, he advocated mass decoration. Where a dance is being held the decorations should be kept at least seven feet from the floor.

In regard to colors, Professor Major said that pale colors and scarlet should be used when the lighting is artificial. For daylight, deep colors, such as yellow, purple or deep blue, are preferable.

"There is neglect of perennial plants in Columbia," said the speaker. He stated that there were 400 varieties of shrubs that would grow in Missouri.

A succession of blue from May until September may be obtained by planting iris and peonies, he said.

Rose gardens should be kept apart from other shrubs, according to the speaker. They should be fed; also they must be pruned heavily.

With regard to lawns, the speaker said that lawns here need annual fertilization and seeding. They should be rolled frequently.

Before closing his talk Professor Major recited two poems of his composition "In My Garden" and "The Garden in The Valley of The Shadow of Death."

SIMPLICITY MARKS JOHN WANAMAKER'S FUNERAL

Thousands From All Stations of Life Pay Last Tribute to Merchant.

By United Press.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14.—Thousands of men, women and children in all walks of life paid their final tribute to John Wanamaker. Simplicity marks funeral services which were held at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The annual poultry exhibition here will be held in conjunction with Farmers' Week, January 15 to 19. According to Miss Elizabeth Hodge, secretary of the association, the show will be "bigger and better than ever."

SENDS POISON IN CHOCOLATE

Believed to Be Part of Plot to Murder British Cabinet Members.

By United Press.
LONDON, Dec. 14.—A plot to poison the members of the British cabinet was believed to have been discovered today when traces of poison were found in chocolate sent to C. Girdglen, home secretary.

All members were warned to be on the watch for mysterious packages. The detectives are of the opinion that a woman probably of unbalanced mind was the sender.

ROTARIANS HEAR OF BANKS

W. Emmett Smith Talks on Federal Reserve System.